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News Story Organizer

A news reporter will often organize a news story around the 5 W's and H (who, what, where, when, why and how) to make sure the reader gets all the facts. Answer the questions below as you write your news story.

Who or what is it about?**W**hat happened? What changes, if any, did it cause?**W**here did the event take place?**W**hen did the event take place?**W**hy is this event important to kids?**H**ow did this event happen? How did it affect people?

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News Story Checklist

- ☐ I followed the directions for writing a news story.
- ☐ My story is about a news event.
- ☐ I have a **headline**, or title, for my story.
- ☐ My introduction, or **lead**, tells my reader what my story is about.
- ☐ My reader can understand the main idea of my story.
- ☐ I use details, facts or examples that give more information about the event.
- ☐ I used more than one source for my information and made sure each fact was correct.
- ☐ My reader can find the 5 W's and H in my story.
- ☐ I have stayed on topic throughout my story.
- ☐ The events are told in the order in which they happened.
- ☐ I included quotes in my story.
- ☐ My conclusion ends my story with new and important information.
- ☐ I checked my writing for misspelled words.
- ☐ I checked my writing for errors in punctuation.
- ☐ My paper is neat.